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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A video distribution system comprising:
a receiver operable to receive a multiplexed signal comprising a plurality of encoded video information streams;
a first decoder communicatively coupled to the receiver and operable to decode a first video information stream of the multiplexed signal;
a second decoder communicatively coupled to the receiver and operable to decode a second video information stream of the multiplexed signal;
a combiner operable to output a composite signal for communication via a premise network, the composite signal comprising a decoded first video information stream modulated to a first radio frequency band associated with a first user and a decoded second video information stream modulated to a second radio frequency band associated with a second user;
a remote control mechanism operable to communicate a request signal to the first decoder requesting that the first decoder decode a different video information stream of the multiplexed signal; and
an access engine to authenticate that a user of the remote control mechanism is associated with the first radio frequency band.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
a diplexer operable to distinguish between upstream and downstream communication flow, the diplexer further operable to output the multiplexed signal to the receiver; and
a modem communicatively coupled to the diplexer and operable to output data traffic to the diplexer.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the remote control mechanism is further operable to communicate using a wireless local area network communication protocol.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a radio frequency communication module operable to support at least a portion of a communication path interconnecting the remote control and the first decoder.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a network interface operable to provide at least a portion of a communication path interconnecting the receiver and a wide area communication network; and

a communication module having a local area wireless transceiver.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the premise network comprises installed coaxial cable.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a modem device selected from the group consisting of a cable modem, a dial-up modem, a wireless modem, a satellite modem, and an xDSL modem.

8. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising a messaging engine operable to initiate communication of message information via the premise network, wherein the message information represents a message sent using a service selected from the group consisting of electronic mail, mobile alerts, IM, SMS, EMS, and MMS.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a metric engine operable to track a metric associated with the first video information stream, wherein the metric is selected from the group consisting of a video stream content rating, an amount of time associated with outputting the decoded first video information stream, a cost associated with viewing the first video information stream, and an assigned programming channel for the first video information stream.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a graphical user interface (GUI) engine operable to initiate presentation of a GUI on a television display communicatively coupled to the premise network.

11.-19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A video distribution system, comprising:

a plurality of remote controllable channel output modules, each configured to output a signal modulated to an assigned frequency block associated with a particular user, the signal representing a decoded version of a selected MPEG video stream;

an access engine to authenticate a user of a remote control mechanism, wherein the access engine authenticates that the user is associated with the assigned frequency block; and

a premise network interface operable to output a composite signal to a premise network, the composite signal comprising a modulated signal from at least one of the plurality of remote controllable channel output modules.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the premise network comprises a wireless local area network.

22. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the premise network comprises coaxial cable.

23. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the assigned frequency block for a first of the remote controllable channel output modules comprises a range of approximately 60 to 66 MHz, the assigned frequency block for a second of the remote controllable channel output modules comprises a range of approximately 66 to 72 MHz, and the assigned frequency block for a third of the remote controllable channel output modules comprises a range of approximately 76 to 82 MHz.

24. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the assigned frequency blocks correspond to portions of the Very High Frequency spectrum assigned to television channels.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising a first remote controllable channel output module fixed to output information to one assigned frequency block.

27. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising a table mapping each of a plurality of viewers to at least one assigned frequency block.

28. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising a graphical user interface (GUI) engine operable to initiate presentation of a GUI on a television display communicatively coupled to the premise network, wherein the GUI engine is further operable to initiate display of a GUI element indicating video programs represented by the selected MPEG video stream output by each of the plurality of remote controllable channel output modules.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating video distribution, comprising:
linking a plurality of users with associated carrier frequencies;
receiving a first command from a first user;
authenticating that the first user is associated with a first carrier frequency;
modulating a decoded video stream identified by the first command on the first carrier frequency; and
outputting the modulated stream to a premise network such that the first user can access the modulated stream by tuning a premise network connected television to the first carrier frequency.

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
receiving a second ~~another~~ command from a second user;
modulating a second ~~chosen~~ decoded video stream identified by the second ~~other~~ command on a second carrier frequency, wherein the second carrier frequency is associated with the second user; and
outputting the modulated second ~~chosen~~ stream to the premise network such that the second user can access the modulated ~~chosen~~ stream by tuning a given premise network connected television to the second carrier frequency.

32. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising tracking a viewing metric of the first user.

33. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising disabling access to a certain video stream for at least one of the plurality of users.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access engine employs a password authentication scheme.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access engine employs a biometric authentication scheme.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the access engine employs a device based authentication scheme.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the remote control mechanism is a wireless telephone.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the remote control mechanism has Bluetooth functionality.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
authenticating that the second user is associated with the second carrier frequency.

40. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

linking a plurality of users with associated carrier frequencies;

receiving a ~~channel~~ request for media content from a first user;

modulating the media content on a carrier frequency associated with the first user; and

outputting the media content on the carrier frequency to a premise network such that the first user can access the media content by tuning a premise network connected device to the carrier frequency associated with the first user

~~authenticating that the first user is associated with a first carrier frequency; and~~

~~comparing the channel request to a block list associated with the first carrier frequency~~.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

authenticating that the first user is associated with a first carrier frequency; and

allowing only the first user to request different media content for the first carrier frequency

~~modulating a decoded video stream identified by the channel request on the first carrier frequency; and~~

~~outputting the modulated stream to a premise network such that the first user can access the modulated stream by tuning a premise network connected television to the first carrier frequency in response to determining that the channel request is not on the block list.~~

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41 ~~claim 40~~, further comprising:

comparing the request for the media content to a block list associated with the first carrier frequency;

notifying the first user that the requested media content ~~a channel associated with the channel request~~ will not be displayed.